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BIRTH.—On the 2nd instant, at 1 p.m., at No. 16, Wyndham Street, the wife of E. H. O'DAYA, of a son [141]

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A correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News*, speaking from Peking on the 15th July, speaks of disturbances having taken place at or near Lamasia, not far from Kalgan. It is supposed that they are the work of Mohammedan brigands.

The British gunboat *Sapphires* arrived at Fochow from the North on the 26th ult., and the ironclad frigate *Audacious* on the 25th ult. The cruising squadron has been dispersed by Admiral Sir Wm. Dowell in order to afford protection to the China Treaty ports.

The *Strait Times*—His Excellency the Acting Governor has received a communication from the Government of India that a prompt and satisfactory settlement of the question of Indian immigration into this Colony may be expected.

A correspondent, writing on the 21st July from Tientsin to the *Morning Post*, says:—"The Chinese authorities are unwilling that the subjects of the Chinese empire should be admitted to the British colonies. At last the mother-in-law said, 'Hand me the opium in this little box. I'll take it and die.' The daughter-in-law handed the opium to the old woman, who mixed some water with the drugged poison, and then lay the bed. The son all this while was looking on and did nothing to prevent this. His son's wife, a child, was sent to his father to bring him back to life. His father immediately called out the villagers, and proceeding to Chefoo's house, they found the poor old woman in the last agonies of death, and beyond human remedies. This so exasperated the villagers that they bound the guilty couple together, and digging a grave for them buried them both alive!"

At the present moment, when public attention is being directed to Hainan as likely to become a temporary French dependency, it may be interesting to note some facts concerning it embodied in the report on the trade of Kiung-chow for the year 1883, by Mr. Consul JORDAN, received by the last English mail. The value of the trade of Hainan shows a steady progress, in which both imports and exports form the second item on the list. Metals, more especially old iron, show an improvement, and kerosene oil is gaining steadily in favour with the natives; every respectable temple now boasts of a gaudy Canton chandelier, though care is taken that the native oil is burned in the immediate presence of the presiding deities. A reaction has, however, set in against foreign matches, formerly largely imported, and recourse is being had to the old appliances. This, Mr. JORDAN says, is due to Japanese matches having for a time ousted the Swedes, with the result that, being an inferior article, the natives got disgusted with them and returned to the primitive flint. It seems likely that the opium import will be affected by long by the Yunnan drug, small quantities of which are now, it is said, smuggled over from the mainland of Hainan, and its cheapness, the Consuls think, may cause it to find favour with a people as poor as the Hainanese, who are also much addicted to smoking the drug, often as an antidote to the aches and fever engendered by the hot moist climate.

The exact trade shows a satisfactory increase, especially in the staple product sugar, the quantity of which in 1883 was 142,346 piculs, as compared with 104,076 piculs in 1882. The production, however, might be much extended, if we judge by the fact that, if the growers could be induced to alter its preparation so as to render it more suitable for the foreign market, and it is said a little instruction by a competent expert might make vast improvement in this respect. There was last year an astonishing increase, Mr. JORDAN tells us, in the number of pigs, goats, and poultry exported; and a few bullocks were also, for the first time, shipped from Hainan. This trade was at the commencement opposed by the Prefect on the ground that all the cattle were required for work in the fields, but the Taotai promptly interfered and sanctioned the export. The export of raw silk and gossamer showed a falling off, compared with previous years. Some silverware was exported for the first time last year. Altogether, though the trade of Hainan shows a steady increase on the whole, it is very clear that by judicious fostering, it could be enormously increased.

We observe from a French paper that an addition to the fleet of the Macassar fleet has just been made, and is a fine vessel of 2,920 tons, with engines of 1,300 horse power, and measures 129.75 metres in length and 12.65 in breadth. Like the other new vessels of the same line, it will be lighted with the electric light by means of 200 lamps of the Swan incandescent pattern, fitted up in the saloon, berths, engine-room, &c. *Oceanus* is intended for the Australian and New Caledonian line.

Beyond a few gambling charges there were no cases of public interest at the Police Court on Saturday. In one of the cases five men were arrested, but one of them had been sent to the Civil Hospital in consequence of some disturbance in the house in which he was staying. The "Sui" was remanded. In another case of gambling a man who attempted to escape from the police sustained a cut on the head by a fall of some twelve feet. This case also was remanded.

The Paris Chamber of Commerce has forwarded to the Saigon Chamber a project for the establishment of a society for the encouragement of the French export trade and the co-operation of Seize. It is proposed that the society should assist suitable young men by paying pecuniary advances, and giving them the benefit of a loan of capital for the development of their business. The choice of the members of the society is to be left to the discretion of the members of the society.

There has been a fatal termination in the case of one of the men who jumped from the top floor of a gambling house in Gilman's Bazaar, which was being raided by Inspector Grey and a party of police about a week since. The man whose name was Au Au, 69 years old, sustained a compound fracture of the leg, and died before he could be sent to the Civil Hospital just after midnight. Nine men, all Chinese, jumped down a height of about 30 feet in order to escape arrest for gambling, and though another man was injured, the deceased was the only fatal case. An inquest was held on the body at the Civil Hospital on Saturday, before the Coroner, Mr. A. G. Wise and Messrs. C. E. Smith, E. F. de Souza, and J. S. Jackson, as jury. The deceased had the sole care of the oil from the time

development of the resources of the island as would raise the standard of comfort among its people and open up a market for the products of Western nations." This is only too true, and the fact would reconcile other powers to the status of the island by the French, who may be expected at least to open a better port, the Hainan Straits, and develop the mineral and other resources of the country.

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The Japanese Mail says that the Hon. F. B. Plunkett, H.R.H.'s Minister to Japan, has nearly entirely recovered from the effects of his recent accident.

The British steamer *Douglas*, which arrived here yesterday from Coast ports, reports that there were in the Pagoda Anchorage, on the 30th July, H.M.S. *Champion* and *Merlin*, and the French war vessels *Vulcain*, *Astrea*, *Vigil*, and two torpedo boats 45 and 46, moored above Kimpoo port were the *Duguay-Trouin*, *Chateaurenard*, and *Lyon*.

The *Hochi Shinmin*, a Japanese vernacular paper says:—One of the Chinese passengers by the *City of Tokio* named Chinei, committed suicide the other day at Kukuk-gori, Yokohama, and the police are investigating the cause of death.

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EXTRACTS:

MARJORIE'S KISSES.—
Marjorie laughs and climbs on my knee,
And I kiss her, and she kisses me again,
I kiss her, but I don't much care,
Because, although she is charming and fair,
Marjorie's not mine.

But there will come a time, I ween,
When, if I tell her of this little scene,
She will smile and prettily blush, and then
I shall long to kiss her again,
When Marjorie's seven.

WALTER LEARNED, in *Century*.

MARRIAGE OF THE MIDGETS.

An interesting marriage ceremony was performed on the 28th inst. at Manchester, the bride being Miller Edwards, and the bridegroom Francis J. Ulpt (known as General Mite), who claims to be the smallest people in the world, and give recreations as the "American Midgets." Francis John Flynn, otherwise General Mite, the littlest bridegroom, is 19 years old, 23 inches high, and nine pounds in weight. His bride, Miss Miller Edwards, is 17; we and a half inches shorter than her partner, and weighs seven pounds. They may well be called the smallest people in the world. Both are of American nationality, having been in Europe for several years, and have appeared before the Queen and other members of the Royal family on more than one occasion. Their stay at the St. James's Hall in Manchester has been a prolonged one, and they have attracted many thousands of visitors. They are far more interesting because, unlike most of the abnormally small people whom the public have been accustomed to see in exhibitions, they are not in any sense or degree deformed. Little as they are, and in a symmetrically proportioned, and in fact a good-looking and intelligent. The bride passed her 16th birthday on the 1st September last. At birth she weighed only 1 lb. She made rapid progress, however, and developed in course of time so that she was seven years old, when, without any apparent cause, she ceased to grow. Medical men consulted on her case, and failed to assign the cause of this sudden arrest of development. Her brothers and sisters, all younger than herself, are well developed, fully grown, and her parents are of ordinary stature, neither good health. She was born in Merton. General Mite's baptismal is in the State of New York, and having been born on the 6th October, 1864, he is now just nineteen. Little big bride, he is the eldest of the family, and his younger brothers and sisters are all of ordinary stature. His parents are fully grown, and his father is nearly as high as six feet. The General's weight is eight pounds, and a half, and he is too weak to grow at the age of two years. Both the little folk enjoy good health and spirits. They sleep twelve hours out of the twenty-four, but if they take a good deal of rest, they are exceedingly active while awake. It is one of the main difficulties of their management, indeed, to get them to take rest during the day. It is a fact that at meals their portion is one-third of one-fourth of what is needed by a young boy at a meal. The marriage ceremony fell into two parts—one semi-private, and the other public. The first took place at the office of the Superintendent Registrar for the Chorlton Union, where the civil contract was entered into, and the other the religious ceremony at St. James's Hall. The Midgets' former home was both in the Grand Hotel, but General Mite changed his abode to the Denmark Hotel, Greenlawn, outside the limits of the Chorlton Union, while the bride stayed behind. The couple should have made their appearance at the Registrar's office at eleven, according to arrangement, but it was nearly twelve when the bride was seen at last. The bride and bridegroom were composed of reporters, so arts, and other professionals engaged in the event. A set of table had been formed of a table, standing about a yard high, and covered with a cloth, and on this were placed a basket couch and round table for the use of the pair. The former was scarcely 3 ft. long, and of rather more than the height of doll furniture. To give some conimentation to the stage a number of plants in flower had been set about. The bride and bridegroom were placed on the stage, their heads being a trifle above the tops of the ornamental plants, and made the most of his 22 in. He was dressed in dark crimson velvet, with cream lace, and wore a hat with white feather and trimming. Her light-colored gloves, with the regulation situation, were a minute marvel. The little man was well preserved for his size, and delightfully accepted a pretty bouquet with which the superintendent registrar's daughter (Miss Mary Beatrix Edgill) presented her. The bouquet was not a large one, but the bride was before long obliged to relinquish it through fatigue. The bridegroom was very spruce and smart, in light clothes and velvet kid gloves, posed in quite a statesmanlike way, and made the most of his 22 in. His head was a small, round, and curious shape. Something of the ludicrous side of the business appeared to strike the bridegroom while the pair stood awaiting the officiating registrar, for he was seen with uncontrollable laughter and obliged to bury his face in his hat. The district registrar (Mr. John O'Gorman) having arrived, the bride and bridegroom were placed on the stage, their heads being a trifle above the tops of the ornamental plants. The short ceremony was soon gone through. Neither of the Midgets knew of any lawful impediment why they should not be joined in the bonds of matrimony, and the registrar, the Registrar asked the bridegroom whether he had a ring. General Mite immediately produced a blue velvet ring like a coin, of which he presently brought a mite-sized ring; and having duly shaped it on the bride's finger, he and his bride called upon those present to witness that they had lawfully wedded. The couple were taken to another room to make the requisite signatures in the register, returning a few minutes later to receive congratulations. When these were over, the pair were carried down to their carriage, and amid the shouts of a large crowd gathered about the door of the Union Office, drove off to the Grand Hotel for breakfast. Between one and two o'clock, the second part of the marriage ceremony was performed. This took place in the theatre of St. James's Hall, the Rev. Jas. Mackie, of the Scotch National Church in Earlsfleld Road, officiating and following the forms of the Presbyterian Church. The public were admitted to this part of the proceeding, and the theatre was nearly full. The stage was handsomely decorated with plants and flowers. The bridegroom was exhibited under a glass case. At one wing was the band of the Third Dragon Guards, who, as the newly-wedded couple entered, played "Wedding March." The Midgets were greeted by the audience with a round of applause. They were placed on a table in the front of the stage, and the minister, who presented an extreme physical contrast to them, took up his position by their side. The bride and bridegroom were now in very fine attire. The dress of the bride was of cream satin with a long train, and she wore a sprightly flowing veil. There was abundance of flowers in her hair, her necklace was a string of pearls, and she carried a beautiful bouquet. The bridegroom was in blue

uniform, with gold epaulettes and facings. He had an eye-glass, too, with a gold-thread. And a sword, with a gilt scabbard. The sword, however, got in his way, and after bearing its uncomfortable dangling for a time, the General at length discarded it, to the evident relief of the bride. Colonel Ulpt's eyes again "beast man." The bridegroom was Miss Thornton, of Oswald, and Miss Alice Flynn, a younger sister of the bridegroom, two little girls, each with pretty bouquets, who towered above the wedded pair. The Rev. Mr. Mackie performed the ceremony in an impressive manner, and the Midgets listened and responded with all proper gravity. In a brief address which he gave, the minister said the circumstances were singular, and the occasion unique, but was not wholly without precedent. The action, however, was right, religious, and becoming, for their dear brother and sister who were such remarkable specimens of the wonderful works of God had bodies as if not more, fearfully and wonderfully made than any of them, souls as certainly created in the image of God as any of them, and for them, as for those present, to do the right. Prayer having been offered, the General and his wife went among the visitors and received their congratulations. The band afterwards contributed more music, and during an interval Mr. Ernest Waller delivered an address on the history of the newly-married couple. He assured the visitors that the marriage was quite a love match. They had an overwhelming affection for each other, and it was felt that they could not be separated. It was rather some deliberation, resolved that the present should be taken, and to this the bridegroom believed it would add to their happiness, while it would add to some for them a sort of double guardianship in their respective parishes. The Midgets pronounced the sign of the cross at the playing of the band, and then retired. They remain in Manchester for the present, and at the close of their visit will go to the Continent and thence to America.

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